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In re Application of:
Yimin Gin, et al
Serial No.: 08/894,548
Filed: August 21, 1997
For: WOUND DRESSING

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a decision on applicant's request filed March 11, 1999, to review the holding of abandonment, mailed February 3, 1999, for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated July 1, 1998.

In support of the request, applicant has submitted a copy of a request for a three month extension of time and a response with a certificate of mailing dated December 28, 1998. Applicant has also submitted a declaration attesting to the timely mailing as required By 37 CFR 1.8(b).

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 3, 1999, is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. This application is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

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